

## REMARKS

In complete response to the Office Action of June 3, 2005, on the above-identified application reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 9 – 34 are pending in this application.

With this amendment, Claims 29 – 34 are cancelled. Claim 35 has been added to further define the invention.

## Election/Restrictions

The Examiner requested a restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372 between the following allegedly distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 9 – 28, drawn to a method of utilizing a composition as a slimming agent, the composition having a formula with an amino acid chain, classified in class 514, subclass 2
- II. Claims 29 – 34, drawn to a method preparing a formulation for slimming the human body, by introducing into a cosmetically acceptable medium a composition having a formula with an amino acid chain having the formula, classified in class 514, subclass 2.

The Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, and cancels those of Group II.

Additionally, the Examiner has required the election of a single disclosed species from the following disclosed patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:


1. a single salt, e.g. alkali metal salt, alkaline-earth metal salts;
2. a single amino acid formula, e.g. formula IIIa, IIIb; and
3. a single R2, e.g. glycine, alanine, serine.

The Applicant hereby elects glycine as a single disclosed species of the claimed invention. The Applicant respectfully contends that claims 9 – 28 and 35 are generic to this single disclosed species.

## CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of this application, she is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,


  
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